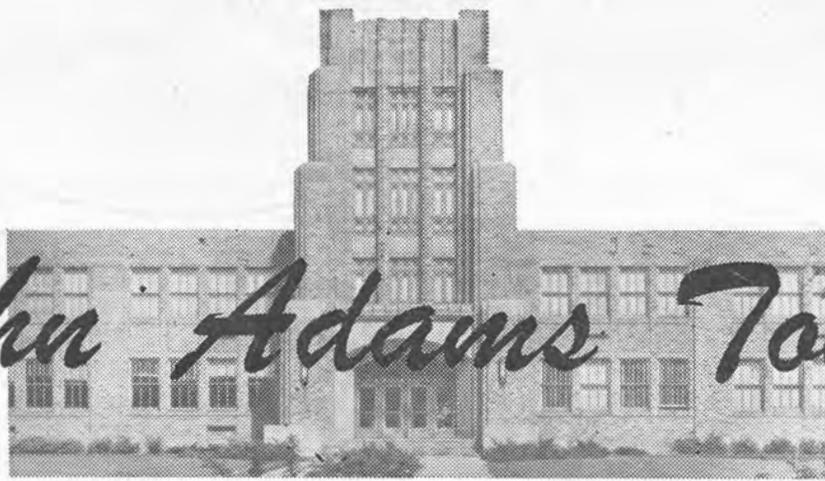


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“BAT” BAFFLES POLICE

Tower Has New Appearance and Date of Issue

The “new look” in clothing has joined the sloppy joe sweater and the above-knee skirt in the mausoleum of dead fashions—the ballerina slippers and ankle length hemline are now left only for the ghouls who choose to bring them back from the grave.

The Tower has, however, established a “new look” of its own—one which we hope will enjoy a rapid popularity rise. Our paper has changed printers. The Home Mountain Publishing Company located on Cottage Grove Avenue has begun what is hoped will be a long term of turning out our weekly newssheet.

The reason for this change was the too often heard comment—“The Tower’s not news, it’s history!” Because of overcrowdedness at the former printers it was necessary that news be two weeks old before it came to the readers. Now, thanks to a new schedule, the printing time has been cut in half.

The cost of the printing will be slightly higher than formerly, but the subscription price will not be raised. The Tower is depending on an increase in the number of subscribers to balance the increase in expenses.

THIRTEEN ADAMS STUDENTS GRADUATE IN SUMMER

In August a large summer school class, including several Adams students, graduated officially from high school after completing a summer school session at Central High School. The Adams graduates were: Mary Lou Barnes, Fred Bolinger, Norma Fieser, Charmaine Franklin, Nancy Helvey, Clarence Hutchings, Alice Janiszewski, Donald Jordan, Charles Krug, Ruth Martin, Adeline Nihlean, James Rush, and Mary Westwood.

Students from Riley, Central and Washington High Schools participated in the summer classes and the graduation ceremony along with these Adams students.



New Students Come to Adams From Other Districts and States

We all know most of the new students at Adams who came either from Jefferson, Lincoln, or Nuner schools, but here are some students who before now have attended schools outside the Adams district: 10B's, Joseph Walke, Fred Kuntz, Mary Young, James Smith, Richard Darnell, Shirley Thomas, Rosemary Orban, Dixie Wohlford; 11B's, Peggy Boyer, Ronald Stallman; 11A's, Richard Colby.

We also have several new students at Adams this year who have come from different parts of the country. They are: Frank Smikel 11B, who has transferred from Howe Military Academy, Dave Kelly, a 12B from Redundo Beach, California; Fred Lee from Douglas, Arizona; Joan Allen from Comstock, Michigan; Glenn Rolie from Calumet High School, Chicago; Don Snyder from Jackson, Michigan; Dorothy Sanders from Muncie, Indiana; Dale Lee from Hunterstown, Indiana; James Brennan from Prai-

rie du Chien, Wisconsin; John Ruth from Greene Township; Edna Sharpe from Columbus, Mississippi. Kent Bolton and Robert Staton are returning after long illnesses.

KOEHLER WINS USHER'S CLUB RECOGNITION

Dick Koehler, John Adams junior, has the distinction of being one of a very few people ever to win a gold Ushers' Club pin as a Sophomore.

In order to qualify for the gold pin, an usher must earn sixty merits. To earn a merit an usher must serve on duty at an activity managed by the club.

Dick joined the Ushers' Club last September and made the sixty mark in May.

Mr. Weir, the club sponsor, says, “It is very unusual for an usher to earn the gold pin during his first year as a member. It hasn't been done since 1941 or '42.”

Identity Will Be Told on Adams Stage Tonight

“The Bat,” a delightful mystery by Mary Roberts Rinehart is to be presented by the Drama Club tonight and tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. This is the club's annual fall show and is the only major production of the year. “The Bat” is the story of Cornelia Van Gorder, who plays detective in an effort to trap the most cunning criminal of the era.

James Lewis Cassady is directing and Martha Swintz is capably assisting him as student director. Miss Kaczmarek, the club's sponsor, has spent many hours aiding members of the cast and the production crew. Mrs. Pate is assisting with musical scores and our favorite accompanist, Laurette Canter, will be at the piano. Lucille Bartozek, from the Cleveland School of Ballet directed the dance routines. David Sanderson is production manager and Kelly Kindig, stage manager. Other committee heads are John Meyers, sets; Nancy Bolt, properties; Mary Swingendorf, publicity; Judyth Riggs, tickets; Evelyn Estes, make-up, and Mary Earl, costumes.

Members of the Drama Club board with the assistance of Mr. Cassaday, spent their summer preparing music for the show. There are many clever songs, based on Music from the twenties which will add to the enjoyment of the audience. The students responsible for the ingenious lyrics are John Meyer, Lois Warstler, Martha Swintz, Nancy Watson and Sylvia Lerner.

The cast includes Nancy Watson and Judith Bailie as Cornelia Van Gorder, Mary Swingendorf as Lizzie, the eccentric maid, and Robert Bartol as Anderson, the blundering detective. Doctor Wells is played by Edwin Dean and John Meyer. Robert Pfaff is Brooks, the gardener and Carolyn Johnson and Lois Warstler are double cast as Dale Ogden, the young lady of the house. Billy, the Jap butler is portrayed by David James and Kelly Kindig. David Sanderson plays Reginald Beresford and Paul Green, the Unknown man. David Williams and Marlin Miller are cast as Richard Fleming and what happens to Richard is a crime.



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One Rooters Opinion - - - "Adams Spirit"

Can you take criticism? If not, stop reading right here. I'm prepared to make some scathing remarks concerning the definite lack of support shown by the John Adams student body for the football team. With the exception of 165 new Sophomores, nearly every member of this high school has been present at a John Adams pep session or football game at least once. Each one should have some idea of the technique of cheering. However, according to many people who attended the pep session and game held September 10, the vocal chords of the student cheering section seemed to be paralyzed.

I'd like to know why an apparent majority of the members of John Adams High School have suddenly grown too dignified to show enthusiasm for their team. The best high school or college teams do even better when they are confident that the students are behind them every inch of the way. Our team has proved that they have what it takes. How can you fail them by seeming so unconcerned? Don't you realize that those boys are playing for the glory of your school and that your school is you, the student body? If they can give you games like last Saturday's why can't you give them the encouragement they need? Starting tomorrow night, let's show our team that we care about the effort they're making and keep showing them throughout the season. Get on the bandwagon and give 'em the red and blue!

Janice Cronkhite

Take it from Your Cheerleaders

Rah, Rah-Rah, Rah, Rah. The lad and lassies who lead you in this yell are the cheerleaders of our school. Our A team is now composed of only three cheerleaders, Pearl Coffman, Sheila Fitzsimmons, and Kelly Kindig. The new member who is needed to complete the A team will be chosen in an assembly in the near future. During this assembly, cheerleaders for the B team will also be chosen. If you are a student who is intending to try out for cheerleading, it would be wise to see Mr. Nelson, who is in charge of this activity, or one of the regular cheerleaders. You could also start practicing some yells in your spare time.

When interviewed, the cheerleaders were asked what gripes they had about the yelling of the cheering section. Their quick reply was that we don't yell loud enough and we don't have enough spirit. At football games, the students in about the first ten rows do most of the yelling. The rest just sit and look bored. If you think it's not dignified to yell at games, remember, you are a teenager for a very few years during your life and only during these years is it appropriate for you to yell.

Barbara Swank



Dear Mary Roberts Rinehart,

I wanted to tell about all the things that have happened since I've been working for you in "The Bat."

I'm having all sorts of fun falling down, screaming my lungs out and being pushed around by that awful detective. I ain't had so much fun since I was in "The Spiral Staircase." Mercy sakes, you should see the gay times we have.

Our teachers all have a guarantee that we won't fall down in our classwork. As a result the show stops every five minutes when a member of the cast becomes too thoroughly engrossed in his history or civics. Oh, and you should hear the cute stories **John Meyer** tells in the little room off stage. **Dave Sanderson** missed six cues in one night but he could tell you some good ones! That same little room was the scene of the hanging of **Edwin Dean** by **John Meyer**. **John** and **Edwin** were doubly cast and **John** wanted the part all to himself and so rounded up all his associates and put **Mr. Dean** out of the way. This is true; We have eye-witness accounts!

Not everyone is slow on cues. **Bob Bartol** was six pages ahead last night. He is always at the door when he shouldn't be and never there when I'm looking for him. **Mr. Bartol** has a wonderful vocabulary, I'm told, but evidently it doesn't include the word "irrevocable." Mercy sakes, he'll never get that word out the night of the show. I don't like him very well, anyway. He thinks I'm the guilty party.

We had a robbery the other night. **Dave James'** bicycle was found up on the platform outside the stage door. I bet my Ouija Board it was the Bat! Sam Spade, better known as **Bob Pfaff** would have found it sooner than we did, I think, but he was too busy lighting candles for the people on stage to extinguish with each movement. It's awfully spooky without a light and I'm just sure a bat will get me yet. If it doesn't I'll see you September 22.

Your friend,
Lizzie.

CARLSON VOTED ROTARIAN

Dick Carlson, a senior A from Mr. Davis' home room, has been elected by the home room members of the library and room 210 to serve as Junior Rotarian for this semester. Dick will attend the noon meetings of the South Bend Rotary Club each week at the Oliver Hotel.

Words to Sophomores From Experienced Senior

by Charlotte Moxley

Well, it's September again and things are jumpin' like two boppers at the Ritz. Seniors are ood-le-coo, the juniors seem to be in there, and the new sophomores are being put through the ropes.

There are probably a lot of things that the new sophs still don't know. One is that we have elevators for new sophs to ride from the first to the second floor and then they can get off and ride the escalators to the third floor. As is customary, I'm sure the new people have been carrying the books of the upperclassmen, while the latter helped them look for room numbers (after all this, sending them to the wrong room anyway). I'm pickin' up on these instructions of the upper classmen, sending the new Adamites to Chorus class behind the door marked "Boiler Room." I guess it has just become chilly in the Little Theatre.

In leaving you new sophs until I see you again, my advice is to do as I did; look for your own classrooms, don't use the elevators and escalators, (you'll get to class quicker) and, by the way, look for chorus class in the Little Theatre, I think they moved it from the "Boiler Room." Take my advice and you may live to be a Senior!



The John Adams marching band, under the direction of Mr. Dear-dorff, was busy again even before school opened.

With three days of practice behind them, the fifty piece organization went to Chicago on September 1 and participated in the Riverview Park Mardi Gras Festival and Tournament of Music.

As part of their reward the band members received free passes to eight rides in the mammoth amusement park.

The South Bend Catholic and Washington football games, and the Back-to-School assembly on September 13 gave the band an opportunity to display its skill after the opening of school.

ORCHESTRA

HOLDS ELECTION

Ever since 1920, when women won the right to vote, they have been trying to swing an election. They have finally done it!

The vast majority of girls over the boys was a deciding point in the elections of the John Adams orchestra.

Miss Sylvia Lerner, senior, was voted in as president. Evelyn Troub, junior, won the vice-presidency over two boys: Art Jones and Don Carson. Senior Nancy Hastings won the post of secretary-treasurer.

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Exams Scheduled For Naval Training Program

The Navy announced recently that the fourth nation-wide competitive examination for its College Training Program has been scheduled for December 3, 1949, and will be open to high school seniors or graduates within the age requirements. Successful candidates will be given a four-year college education at government expense and will be commissioned as officers of the Navy or Marine Corps upon graduation.

The program is open to male citizens of the United States between the ages of 17 and 21, and quotas have been assigned to each state and territory on the basis of its high school population. Those who are successful in passing the aptitude test will be interviewed and given physical examinations; then, if they are found in all respects qualified, their names will be submitted to state and territorial Selection Committees composed of prominent citizens and naval officers. The Navy expects to enter about 2,000 students into the program commencing with the fall term of college, 1950.

The students selected by these competitive examinations will be assigned to the 52 Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps units located in various universities and colleges in the United States. If accepted by the college, they will be appointed Midshipmen. U.S.N.R., and will have their tuition, books, and normal fees paid for by the Government. In addition they will receive pay at the rate of \$50.00 a month for the four-year period. Upon graduation they may be commissioned as officers in the Regular Navy or Marine Corps and required to serve on active duty for two years. At the end of this time they may apply for retention in the Regular Navy or Marine Corps, or transfer to the Reserve and return to civilian life.

Applications for people interested are available at Miss Burns' office.

A good way to keep the kids out of the cookie jar is to lock up the pantry and put the key under the soap in the bathroom.

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GLEE CLUB ORGANIZES FOR BUSY FALL SEMESTER

As usual Adams has started the school season well organized and the Glee Club has followed suit. According to the custom the officers were elected by the club last spring. At the head of the organization are Mrs. Pate, director, and Dick Carlson, president. The staff of officers under Dick are: Vice-president, Lois Warstler; secretaries, Su and Jo Green; treasurers, Jean Ingram and Marty Weissert; librarians, Janice Cronkhite and Jeanette Mueller; business manager, Dick Brueseke; robes, Mary Earl, Nancy Hastings, Bob Bartol, and Rex Edwards; Tower representative, Judy Riggs. The executive Committee consists of John Meyers, Sylvia Lerner, Carroll Dickenson, Dick Bolesky, Nancy Watson, Jean Gooley, Dave Williams, Marva Tanner, Cora Lou Owens, Jack Philley, Ed Ashley, Paul LaMar, Bob Pfaff, Kelly Kindig, Sharon Chambers.

Despite the fact that the Glee Club has only met a few times so far this fall, it has already lined up the music which it will sing in the Thanksgiving musical, the North Central Chorus, and the Christmas Candle-light Service and assembly. These programs are all a tradition here at Adams. Sophomores who have not already investigated the Glee Club are encouraged to do so. Check with Mrs. Pate for any information you need.



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Teachers Spend Varied Summers

Mr. Powell worked about as hard as any of the teachers this summer. He and his family worked all summer building a log cabin about 30 miles from Ely, Minn. This might not have been so difficult, except he had to ferry all his supplies across a lake to his site and had no help other than from his own family. Often times the flat bottomed boat he used as a ferry was loaded so heavily that only the gunwales were above water. By working early and late the Powells finished their cabin. Perhaps next year he can rest and fish and relax during summer vacation.

Miss Kaczmarek, who had previously visited Europe, decided this summer to see some more of our own country so she started out to "see the west." For seven weeks she did just that. She and a friend drove 7,000 miles by car and then Miss Kaczmarek came back to South Bend by train. The attractions along the route which impressed her most were Colorado Springs where she went up Pikes Peak, San Francisco, and Carmel by the Sea. She visited Bryce, Zion, and Grand Canyons. After seeing California and part of Mexico she went north to Crater Lake. She then returned home.



John Adams High School has lost several students who, not yet having graduated from high school, have for some reason or other, discontinued their attendance here.

Joe Farkas and Carol Follendorf have gone to Mishawaka High School. Ernest Miller and Bob Zimmerman are now attending Washington Clay. Bernice Callahan and Joan Crowe have transferred to Riley High School, and Michael Curran is now at Central Catholic High School.

Norma Greer has become Mrs. J. R. Taylor and Paul DeLong is in Japan.

The following were also students at Adams who have moved to other cities: Carol Cameron, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Walter Mitchell, Anchorage, Kentucky; Don Moore, Niles, Michigan; Marcia Dausmaan, Indianapolis, Indiana; Marvin Griffiths, Michigan City, Indiana; Kay Fruenthaul, Muskegon, Michigan; Betty Pickar, Plymouth, Indiana. Jean Selby is attending school at Kingsford School, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

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Sturdy Adams Eleven Whips S.B. Catholic In Opening Game

A new John Adams football team showed determination and spirit in defeating a less prepared Catholic team, 32-12. Bill Daugherty ran for four touchdowns, and Conrey scored the fifth. Frank Downer kicked the five extra points. The first two touchdowns were run in the beginning minutes of the game. A touchdown for South Bend Catholic came in the first quarter also and then another in the second. At this point it looked as if it would be close, but the score at the half was 21-12.

Most boys on the team saw action with Bill Weatherly, Harold Graf, Roger Bennett, Dave Kelly, Carroll Dickenson, Frank Downer, Ken Calloway, Paul Rogers, Bill Daugherty, Jim Leahy, Jack Troeger and Jack Nordblad getting their share of action.

EAGLES ARE BEATEN BY EFFECTIVE PANTHER DRIVE

A tricky and powerful Washington eleven whipped a rather weak Adams eleven 33-14. In the early part of the second quarter Adams showed signs of coming to life as a result of Daugherty's touchdown which put them ahead 7-6, but Washington recovered and soon marched on to victory. Lahey scored the second Adams touchdown with Downer kicking the two extra points.

Daugherty played a spectacular game, several times stopping sure Panther touchdowns by his remarkable speed. It was a hard game and the players tried, but something was wrong.

The Eagles play Goshen tomorrow night at Goshen. Let's hope we have a repeat of the first game, in score at least.

It takes as much planning to arrive late at a party as it does to arrive on time.

BY LINES - - - by Bartol

The system of writing this new column and sports page this year will be a bit different from previous years. I shall try to edit the interesting and up-to-date facts and figures, instead of printing history. Write-ups of the results of games and contests will be cut short, with only the highlights and the participating players mentioned. Because this paper cannot be published without ads, it will not always be possible to fill the page with sports. With this situation in mind, I shall try to do my best to fill the page and column with the most interesting articles. I shall also try to keep my personal opinions from influencing my writing as much as possible.

MORE ENTHUSIASM

So far two football games have been played. One has been lost and one won. Seven more games remain ahead of the Adams football team. Whether they win or lose is not half as important as the fact that they have been and will be on the gridiron playing their best with the determination to win for you. These boys aren't playing for their health. Get behind them and spur them on with your enthusiasm and spirit, win or lose.

CURRENT SPORTS

TENNIS

On the first day of school the Adams Tennis team opened the season on the recently constructed Potawatomi courts.

This year's tennis squad is composed of Dick Bennett, Marlin Miller, Gordon Barclay, and Bill Baranowski.

In the first match against Elkhart, Bennett won, while Barclay and Miller lost. In doubles, Bennett and Miller won while Barclay and Baranowski lost.

In their next match at Michigan City, the team brought home a victory. Bennett, Miller and Barclay won matches, and Bennett and Miller won doubles with Barclay and Baranowski being defeated.

In a match played last Thursday, Adams whipped North Side of Fort Wayne by a wide margin, but statistics were not available by the paper's deadline.

Mr. Reber is coaching the tennis team for the tenth year.

CROSS COUNTRY

Sixteen boys make up the Adams cross country team this year, with only two lettermen remaining. The sixteen are:

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| Mel Edgerton | Dick Briggs |
| Jack Bussert | Jack Dickson |
| John Olheiser | Dick Syucs |
| Paul Green | Kenneth Wolfe |
| George Christy | Steve Kierein |
| Steve Elek | Jerry Ollman |
| Dennis Talbot | Wesley Strong |
| John Keller | Ken. Tennyson |

Mr. Powell's team will participate in nine meets this year, all of which are double-duo meets. The first meet is a conference meet with Elkhart this afternoon.

The Power Behind Our Team

Coach Crowe has this to say about the 1949 season of football. He believes there is more school spirit than has been present before and that the team has very good



morale, possibly as a result of this. The coach is very pleased with his first eleven but says the second eleven does not live up to his expectations. He believes Daugherty is a good player and has the possibility of being a better player if he keeps the right attitude and wants to be better. He explained that Daugherty had many holes in the first game, evidenced by the fact that he wasn't touched in the first two touchdowns.

Coach Crowe believed that fourteen or fifteen boys on his squad can always be trusted but that three or four are not doing their share. He summed it up by saying "Our high school football team can be no better than the students want it to be."

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